

not be made unless technical reports on those projects have been approved by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. This provision is a direction to the Congress regarding how the Congress will exercise its authority to appropriate funds. The provision does not limit the authority of agencies to spend funds that the Congress has appropriated.

Notwithstanding our concerns, the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 authorizes the Army to undertake much needed and important projects for improvements to the Nation's ports and harbors, and the restoration of our aquatic resources, including America's Everglades, and deserves enactment into law.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
December 11, 2000.

NOTE: S. 2796, approved December 11, was assigned Public Law No. 106-541.

**Memorandum on Emergency
Military Assistance to the United
Nations Mission in Sierra Leone**
December 11, 2000

Presidential Determination No. 2001-04

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the
Secretary of Defense*

Subject: Determination to Authorize the Furnishing of Emergency Military Assistance to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Countries Participating in UNAMSIL, and Other Countries Involved in Peacekeeping Efforts or Affiliated Coalition Operations With Respect to Sierra Leone

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2318 (a) (1) (A) (the "Act"), I hereby determine that:

(1) an unforeseen emergency exists that requires immediate military assistance to UNAMSIL, countries currently or in the future participating in UNAMSIL, and other countries involved in peacekeeping efforts or

affiliated coalition operations with respect to Sierra Leone, including the Government of Sierra Leone, and

(2) the emergency requirement cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other law except section 506(a) (1) of the Act.

I therefore direct the drawdown of defense articles from the stocks of the Department of Defense, defense services from the Department of Defense, and military education and training of an aggregate value not to exceed \$36 million to UNAMSIL and such countries to support peacekeeping efforts with respect to Sierra Leone.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this Determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 12 and was published in the *Federal Register* on December 18.

**Exchange With Reporters Prior to
Discussions With Prime Minister
Bertie Ahern of Ireland in Dublin**
December 12, 2000

President's Visit to Ireland

Q. Mr. President, why do you keep coming back to Ireland?

The President. Well, I got invited. And you know, I've had a special interest in my tenure here and the peace process, and the *Taoiseach* and Prime Minister Blair have worked hard, as the parties in Northern Ireland have, and there's still a little work to be done. So I thought maybe if I came back, I could help a little, and I hope I can.

Peace Process in Northern Ireland

Q. What's your message to the politicians, to the people of Northern Ireland and, indeed, to the paramilitaries?

The President. Well, first, I think the people, by and large, have embraced the peace and are in some ways leading the process. And I don't think they want to go back. I